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PETITION TO EXTEND

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for five (5) month(s) from the due date of August 5, 2003, of the Notice of Appeal dated May 5, 2003.

An extension fee of \$2010 is now attached in order that a continuation application may be filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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